

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing Of Claims:

- 1.-4. (Canceled)
5. (New) A method for triggering a restraint device, comprising:
triggering the restraint device as a function of a collision signal; and
initiating the triggering when the collision signal exceeds a noise threshold, wherein a time required for the collision signal to exceed the noise threshold is taken into account in determining a triggering time for the restraint device.
6. (New) The method as recited in Claim 5, wherein the triggering time is taken into account by a fixed offset.
7. (New) The method as recited in Claim 5, further comprising:
determining the triggering time as a function of a collision velocity and a crash type.
8. (New) The method as recited in Claim 7, further comprising:
determining the collision velocity via a pre-crash sensor.